

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 have been subjected to a restriction requirement and an election of species. Claim 25, previously inserted as a linking claim, has been held to be directed toward a non-elected invention. In light of the aforementioned restriction requirement and election of species, and further in light of Applicants' response thereto, Claims 1-15 and 21-25 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 16-20 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Caveney et al. under 35 USC 103. Claim 16 has been cancelled, Claim 26 has been inserted, and consequently, Claims 17-20 and 26 are now active in this patent application.

The interview with Examiner Trinh is hereby acknowledged and sincerely appreciated as a means for expediting this patent application toward allowance. During the course of the interview with the applicants representative, new Claim 26 was fully discussed in light of the cited prior art

of Caveney et al., and it was agreed that Claim 26 patentably defined over such cited prior art.

More particularly, it is noted that Claim 26 now recites the fact that the means for engaging the electrical connector so as to precisely locate and laterally immobilize the electrical connector upon the base fixture such that the set of insertion dies can accurately insert the electrical wires into the electrical connector is fixedly mounted upon the base fixture. As further recited, for example, within Claims 18 and 19, such means fixedly mounted upon the base fixture comprises a header having a plurality of pins wherein first portions of the plurality of pins operatively engage the electrical connector, while second portions of the plurality of pins are provided for electrical connection to testing equipment by means of which the proper electrical connections between the electrical wires and the electrical contact members of the electrical connector can be verified.


This is to be patentably distinguished from the system of Caveney et al. wherein the means for engaging the electrical connector comprises the upstanding pins 112, as can best be seen in **FIGURES 14 and 15**, however, such pins 112

are disposed upon a pivotally movable, spring-biased arm 108. In addition, it is noted that the system of Caveney et al. is totally lacking in any disclosure which would correspond to Applicants' second portions of the plurality of pins for electrical connection to the testing equipment by means of which the proper electrical connections between the electrical wires and the electrical contact members of the electrical connector can be verified. It is therefore submitted that Claim 26 patentably defines over the cited prior art of Caveney et al.

It is lastly noted that the title of the invention has been amended in accordance with the requirement of the examiner, and in addition, a new Abstract has also been attached hereto upon a separate sheet so as to reflect the fact that the presently claimed invention comprises only the tool.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this patent application is now in condition for allowance, and an early and favorable action is now anticipated and awaited.

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